THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of foreign exchange earned from export of services in the years, 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 are as under:

Year(s)	Value ($ billion)
2002-2003	20.76
2003-2004	24.95
2004-2005	51.33

Source: RBI

(c) It is the endeavour of the Government to increase and realise the full export potential of all the tradable services. However, software, travel, transportation, insurance, communication, construction, financial and management services account for the bulk of services export.

Achievements of CDGI

1752. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Centre for the Development of Glass Industry, Firozabad was established with the assistance of UNDP;

(b) whether the Centre has been able to provide upgraded technologies to the industry to manufacture world class glasswares;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of important work done by the Centre during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Since its inception, the Centre for the Development of Glass Industry, Firozabad is striving to assist the conventional glass industry in its modernization by providing technology to improve the quality and productivity of glass industry. Details of some of the important work done by the Centre during the last three years are

as follows:

i. Construction of a natural gas fired single pot arch furnace pot transfer trolley.

ii. Development of day-tank furnace and technology demonstration.

iii. Installation of temperature monitoring and alerting system in four glass manufacturing units.

iv. Development of glass melting pot.

v. Development of auxiliary furnace for bangle industry.

vi. Assistance to industry in fuel gas analysis and temperature measurement.

vii. Energy conservation by improved designing, insulation and recuperator system.

viii. Workshop in the process of "GRAL" technique for glass conducted for the benefit of local glass craftsmen with the help of experts from Sweden.

ix. Faculty support to NID for Post Graduate diploma in glass design course.

x. Training in the field of glass melting, glass shaping, glass cutting, engraving, painting, sand blasting, etc., provided to 222 industry personnel.

xi. 1810 tests were conducted in glass and its raw material benefiting the industry.

Visit of Minister for FDI in infrastructures

1753. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI JANARDAN DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether he visited Australia and other European countries to invite FDI in different sectors of economy especially in the infrastructure sector; and

(b) if so, the success with respect to different countries visited by him?